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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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References: (1) W. G. Council letter to R. Reid dated March 23, 1979.
(2) W. G. Council letter to R. Reid dated April 6, 1979.

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
Environmental Qualification of Class 1E Equipment

In Reference (1), Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) advised the NRC Staff that certain stem-mounted limit switches (SMLS) on safety-related valves in the Millstone Unit No. 2 containment may not be suitable for service in the LOCA environment. Reference (2) indicated that replacement of all SMLS's identified in Reference (1) would be completed prior to the start of Cycle 3 operation, unless modified by future correspondence.

Please be advised that on Valves SI-614, SI-624, SI-634, and SI-644, the SMLS's will not be replaced. Further review has revealed that the SMLS's need not be environmentally qualified for post-LOCA conditions for the above four valves. The control and indication functions are derived from a limit switch which is integral to the motor operator. This limit switch will continue to function post-LOCA. The only function that the SMLS's perform is for valve position annunciation which is not a safety-related function. Therefore, replacement is not necessary in these cases.

It is also noted that Valves SI-651 and SI-652 were inadvertently included in the Reference (1) list. These valves are not equipped with SMLS's and, therefore, should not have been included.

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The remaining SMLS's identified in Reference (1) will be replaced with environmentally qualified switches prior to the start of Cycle 3 operation.

Very truly yours,

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